*Update*Troopers Investigating Crash Involving a Motorcycle — Wilmington



Wilmington— Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a serious crash involving a motorcycle that occurred yesterday afternoon north of Wilmington.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:42 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018, when a 2012 Kawasaki motorcycle sport bike, operated by Atiba Fields, 20 of Claymont, was traveling southbound at an apparent high rate of speed in the right lane of SR 141 approaching the intersection of Alapocas Drive. At the same time, a 2004 Dodge Dakota, operated by John J. Devine, 76 of Wilmington, was traveling northbound in the left turn lane on SR 141 at the intersection. As the Dodge made the left turn at the intersection it was struck on the front right side while crossing the southbound lanes with the front of the

Kawasaki sport bike. The motorcycle came to a stop at the entrance of the DuPont driving range and the Dodge Dakota was pushed southbound stopping on the right shoulder. The force of the collision caused the motorcycle operator to be ejected onto the right shoulder.

The operator of the Dodge Dakota was properly restrained and sustained non-life threatening injuries a result of this crash.

The operator of the motorcycle was wearing a DOT compliant helmet. He was transported by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit to the Christiana Hospital, where he is listed in serious but stable condition. Impairment on his behalf is unknown at this time. Warrant was issued for Reckless Driving and drug charges for the motorcycle operator.

SR 141 at the intersection of Alapocas Drive in the area of the crash was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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